



MONROE THIS WEEK

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Hello! Thank you for reading Monroe This Week. Learn what is happening and has happened during the week. We are trying a new format for our weekly newsletter and would like to know what you think. Please contact me with any and all feedback regarding the new look or articles below. I can be reached at gthomas@monroewa.gov. Thank you!

Yours in Service,

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas

SCULPTURE REVEAL

Don't forget to join me 11:00 am this Saturday, December 7, for the revealing of 'Guardian of the Mountain Pass', at the SE corner of Main and Lewis Streets. Come meet the artists; Milo White and Jay Bowen and view this beautiful, new sculpture for the first time.



JIM KAMP COMPLETES SECOND TERM

Councilmember Jim Kamp is completing his second term as a Monroe City Councilmember and will not be continuing as a Councilmember in 2020. At his last meeting with the Council and I on December 3rd, the Councilmembers and I expressed our appreciation for his voice and service as a Councilmember since 2011 and as a Planning Commissioner from 2010 to 2011. He is continuing to our broader community as a Planning Commissioner with Snohomish County. The Councilmembers and I will miss having Councilmember Kamp serve with us as a councilmember.



COUNTY FUNDS FELONY DRUG POSSESSION PROSECUTION

In November, the City Council sent a letter urging Snohomish County to fund prosecution of controlled substance in cases where the amount in possession is less than 2 grams. At Tuesday night's city council meeting, County Councilmember, Sam Low, reported Snohomish County will fund additional positions in the Prosecutor's Office and resources in the Snohomish County budget in support of the city's request.

I thank our Snohomish County Councilmember, Sam Low for his continue support and advocacy on behalf of the City of Monroe for this and for other projects and issues in and around our community.

PROPOSITION 1 RESULTS

Thank you to voters in the City of Monroe for voting in favor of Proposition 1 during the November election. Unfortunately, the Washington Constitution requires a 60% majority vote to authorize bonds and tax levies requiring voter approval, and while the measure passed in the City of Monroe, it did not pass in the rest of the East County Parks and Recreation District. Seeing the support of the City of Monroe community, the City Council may consider a second ballot measure to fund Monroe Parks. Stay tuned for more information.



LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE PROGRAM

The City of Monroe's Living Christmas tree program kicks off. If you purchase a living Christmas tree in a container, and you don't intend to plant it on your own property, you may donate it to our local Monroe city parks so that everyone can enjoy it for years to come. Call the Parks & Recreation office at (360) 863-4519 for information on how to donate your potted living Christmas tree.



You may find living Christmas trees for sale at the following local businesses: **Fred Meyer**, **Pine Creek Farms and Nursery**, **Falling Water Gardens**.

MASONIC LODGE ART DONATION

At our council meeting on December 3rd, the City Council and I accepted a portrait of George Washington from the Sultan-Monroe Masonic Lodge #160. Masters of Freemasons Larry Foley and Andre DeWald of the Sultan-Monroe Masonic Lodge presented this painting, which will be hung in City Hall. The portrait is a reproduction of Lansdowne painting. The portrait is of President George Washington, who was also a freemason, standing next to a desk after signing Jay Treaty. Our community is honored to receive this donation. Thank you!



WHAT'S NEW DOWNTOWN?

A huge thank you to the Downtown Monroe Association (DMA) and supporters for replanting the pots on Main Street. A total of 32 pots were cleaned out and re-planted with 225 geraniums and other ornamentals.

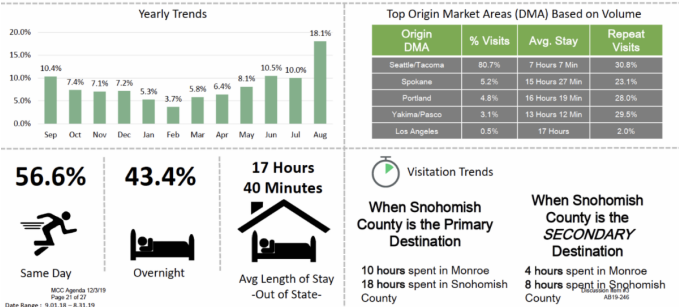
The DMA also funded this year’s snowflake window decorations. Come downtown to see the changes.



CITY ARRIVALIST DATA

On Tuesday, City Council reviewed the tourism data for the Skykomish/ Snohomish valley and the City of Monroe which was provided by Arrivalist through a partnership with Snohomish County. Purchasing additional “points of interest (POI)” to collect data visitors to Monroe was discussed in order to make informed decisions about marketing investments.

Monroe Yearly Visitor Profile – Sep 2018-Aug 2019



Current POI are downtown Monroe and Lake Tye. Additional POI would include the Lewis Street Boat Launch and the N. Kelsey area.

LIGHT UP MONROE

Light Up Monroe took place this past Sunday at Travelers Park. There was a record attendance of roughly 800 people. The community enjoyed guest appearances from Santa and Mrs. Claus, Councilmember Kevin Hanford, Councilmember Jim Kamp and a very special guest; ‘Redman’ the donkey who visited us from Lord Hill Farms. As a thank you to Santa and Mrs. Claus for making the trip to Monroe for the past 6 years, I got to present them each with a special coin as a token of our appreciation.



UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETING

The next City Council Regular Business Meeting & Study Session will be held Tuesday, December 10, 2019, 7pm, Monroe City Hall, Council Chambers. At this meeting City Council and I will be recognizing Judge Mara Rozzano for her service.

Council Agendas/Minutes

UPCOMING EVENTS

12/7

Guardian of the Mountain Pass
Sculpture Reveal; 11:00am
SE Corner of Main and Lewis
Streets

12/7

Holiday Bazaar; 9:00am-2:00pm
Monroe Community Senior Center

12/7

Daddy Daughter Dance;
5:00-7:30pm
Monroe Boys & Girls Club

12/10

City Council Regular Business
Meeting; 7:00pm
Monroe City Hall, Council Chambers

12/13

Family Cookie Decorating Night;
6:30-8:30pm
Monroe/Sky Valley Family YMCA

[View All Events](#)

YEAR-TO-DATE COMPARISONS

View all the City of Monroe year-to-date comparisons [here](#).

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS



Mayor
Geoffrey Thomas



Councilmember
Kevin Hanford



Councilmember
Ed Davis



Councilmember
Patsy Cudaback



Councilmember
Kevin Hanford



Councilmember
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